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ON the 12th of *Auguſt* 1689 a numerous Fleet appeared off the Coaſt of *Donaghadee* in the County of *Down*, out of which two hundred men made that Night a deſcent on the land, and intrenched themſelves.

On the 13th *Mareſchal de Schomberg* who Commanded the Forces on Board debarquing his men, *Horſes* and *Train* of *Artillery*, ſet foot on ſhoar without oppoſition.

On the 14th he ordered the 200 men that firſt landed to March to *Belfaſt*, and the next day he followed in Perſon with the groſs of the Army, and refreſh'd himſelf there till the 19th.

On the 19th he invests *Carrigfergus* and having Summond the *Garriſon* to ſurrender in vain though with offers of fair and honourable conditions, He drew out his lines and the next day played upon the town from four Batteries of Cannon, and three of *Mortar pieces*, beſides all the Gunns of the *Navy* to which the place ſtood expoſed within diſtance, whilſt he made his approaches by land, where he found the works, or walls moſt acceſſible, yet tho' he with *Bombs* (of which he threw in a thouſand) had lay'd all the buildings in *Aſhes*, and tho' the Garriſon could not reaſonably hope for any ſuccour, they kept it nine days, and even then reduced to one Pariel of *powder* made Soldier-like Terms, marching out with their Arms, Colours flying, ball in mouth, and other uſual ceremonies of War, to be attended by a convoy untill they were within three mile of the *Newry*, yet the Articles (tho' ſigned by *Schomberg*)

himself, were nevertheless barbarously violated by the soldiers who without regard to age, sex or Quallity disarmed and stript the Towns people, forceing even women to Run the Gantlet stark naked.

On the 26th of *August* the King came from *Dublin* to *Tredath* attended with 200 of his Guards, and gentlmen Volonteers on Horse-back, and found there no more then seven Regiments of Foot, and some few *Troops* of *Horse*; a strong Party of the Cavalry being commanded out as Far as the *Newry*, under the Duke of *Berwick*.

The *sixth* of *September* His Grace to hinder the Enemies advancement upon him, and render his march to the *Newry* incommodious, and difficult broke up all the Causways, and other defile's thro' which he must pass, and to make all secure burnt even the Town, and retyr'd to *Dundalk*, where he found *Monsieur D'esco* with two Companies of *Foot*, and a *Troop* of *Horse*, sent out from the *Army* to bring up his Rear for their *Forces* united were very insufficient to make head against the enemy, who then pressed their *March*; so they all fac'd about, and drew off together.

The King now in *Tredath* was informed by some *Irish* and one *French* Deserter, that *Schomberg*'s Troops were very much diseased, and already in want of provisions.

The 13th all His Majesties Forces were come down to the Camp near *Tredath*.

On the 14th the King marched the Army from *Tredath* to *Atherdee* about 8 *Irish* miles, and there met with intelligence that about 12 Sail of the Enemies Fleet were the day before up with the *Skerries*, and fired many Guns, which drew the Militia and people in such numbers down to the Shoar, that they durst not venture upon it, but bore away large to the *Southward*, where they plyed too and agen betwixt *Hoath* and *Bullock*, with design as it is thought, to animate the malignant Party (if any such were in *Dublin*) to rise. But matters were so well secured there by the conduct and vigilance of Collonel *Symon Luttrell* the Governor, that disappointed of all expectations, they vainly stood off to Sea, and were soon out of sight.

On the 15th His Majesty at the first appearance of day marched the Horse and Dragoons from *Atherdee* to *Allardstown*

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n near *Affayn-Bridge* about three miles ſhort of *Dun-*
k, of which he poſſeſſed himſelf about twelve. By
d night following his Foot-Guards came up to him, and
e Body of the Infantry by noon the next day. Having
rtified the Bridge, he placed the Guards on the further
e of the River, and ſent Parties out to diſcover the E-
my. Towards the evening ſix Troops of the Cavalry
ade up to a ſmall advanced Party of fifty Horſe, and
me few Volontiers that attended His Majeſties Army,
ho nevertheleſs receiving the Enemies Fire, immediate-
charged, and put them to flight.

On the 18*th* the whole Camp was formed with as much
gularity and advantage as the ground would admit of.
he King in his perſon having travers'd it all over, after
ewing the Intrenchments, and poſture of the enemy.

On the 19*th* ſeveral Priſoners were taken, and ſome
eſerters came with intelligence that *Schomberg* had ſet all
ands to work to ſecure himſelf by fortifying *Dundalk*,
nd ſeem'd rather to prepare againſt a Siege than a Bat-
el.

On the 20th the King drew out his Army, and march-
ng in the Head of the firſt and ſecond Line, within leſs
han Cannon-ſhot of the enemy, He immediately put
hem in order of Battel (according to a method agreed
pon) with wonderful expedition and silence. The Lines
xtended themſelves ftom *South-eaſt* to *North-weſt* along a
idge of Hillocks that front the Town; the ſecond Line
hewed it ſelf between the intervals of the firſt. In this po-
ture they ſtood for three hours, the Souldiers tranſported
with Courage, by the Preſence, and great Example of their
King in the Head of them, could not forbear by ſhout-
ing, and other demonſtrations of Joy. to dare, and chal-
lenge the Invaders; who nevertheleſs could not be pro-
voked, nor invited hy any means, out of their fortifica-
tions: And therefore the King, diſappointed in his hopes
of deciding the War by a Battel, commanded his *Troops*
juſt under the *Mareſchals* view, to march easily back to
their Camp again, His Majeſty Himſelf remaining in the
Rear of all His Army until He ſaw the laſt Souldier
drawn off. Seven Priſoners were that night brought in by

a detacht party of *Dragoones from* a *V*illage called *H*aggard*s*-*ſtown* on the ſea side *T*he Captains *O Neil* and *M*ur*phy* likewiſe with 50 *Foot*, ſurprizing a party of 80 *Dragoones* behind a Mountain that cover'd the *E*nemy killed *two* on the place (mong whom ſome *F*rench *Hugonets* refuſed Quarter) *took* ſix priſoners the reſt eſcaping by *F*light.

On the 21*th* the King gave Orders for the Fortifying *Atherdee* with Ditches, Ramparts, and other Neceſſary Works; a retrenchment was likwiſe caſt up before the left wing of the firſt line.

On the 24*th* the King viewed the Country on all ſids reſolving when he found it neceſſary, or convenient to diſlodge from the ground he then ſtood encamped on, and to pitch his Tents on the Edges of ſmall *Hyllhocks* that ariſe between the Rivers of *Mapaſtown*, and *Atherdee*, and therfore gave general Orders for preſerving the Forrage in all parts within Command of his Army.

On the 26*th* a Commanded party of *Horſe-dragoones* with 35 Companies of *Granadiers*, ſet fire to all the *Forrage* and *Corn*, on the other ſide of the *Lurgan* River for 3 miles along the ſea coaſt, and under the Enemies Noſe who nevertheleſs made a faint Sally, but were eaſily forc'd back to their Trenches again.

On the 28*th* towards the evening the discharge of the enemies *Artillery* three times purſued with as many *Volleys* of ſmall ſhot, and huzza's amused the Kings *Camp* for ſome wile untill diſabuſed the next day by a deſerter who ſaid all that noiſe was in celebration of a great victory obteined by thoſe of *Iniskillen* againk the Kings party at *Sligo*; but this mighty Action upon better intelligence proved a Skirmiſh between a ſmall band of that County *Militia* and a Troop of Rebells, wherein 3 of the Loyaliſts fell, and that number twice told of the enemy.

On the 30*th* an Ensigne from mac *Carty More*'s Regiment, returned to his Majeſties Camp with advice that 3 ſhips whereon were imbarqued *Collonel Villiers Troop* horſe and men were newly caſt away, that 500 French officers and Soldiers ſuſpected to be *Catholicks*, and well wiſhers to his Majeſties cauſe were ſent a ſhip-board their place of confinment that ſeven *F*renchmen, and a *C*aptain were

Hanged

Hanged upon suspition of affecting the Kings party. That Four-score a day at the least were sent from the Enemies Camp, to the Hospital, and that all their Horses were turned out to Graise for want of Hay and other necessarie Forrage.

On the 3*1th* inst. Regiments of *Foot* were Commanded to *Sligo*, and the parts on all sides adjacent to it to preserve the inhabitants under his Majesties Obedience, and check the excursions from *Inniskillen*.

On the 1st of *October* A party of 150 *Foot* were detached under the Command of Lieutenant Coll. *Stapylton* and Captain *Hugh Macnemara* to Relieve and bring off the 500 French that *Schomberg* had cauled to be stript and carried by water to *Carlingford*, suspecting they had a design of changeing their party; The march was difficult and hazardous, For they could not avoid the *English* camp, but by a detour of at least 30 miles, and that through almost impassable Mountains, nevertheless they Marched cheerfully over them to a vale within six miles of *Carlingford*, where making a hault to fix their Arms and cover their Primeing against a shower of rain that hung over their heads, a party of the Enemy came upon them, and being demanded whom they were For, they answered they were For King *William*, so are we said *Stapylton* with purpose to take his oppertunity of Surprizeing them, but the Zealous Souldiers ignorant of his Meaning declar'd loudly they were *For* King *James* and made *good* their words with a *Volley*, 14 they killed on the spot Seized all their Arms and made Eight Prisoners without Receiveing a wound.

On the 5*th of October* (*Forrage* becoming now scarse) the King thought fit to return to *Atherdee*, and on the 6*th* very betimes in the Morning the Army was in a Readiness to March, But the *smoak* of the *Soldiers* Hutts set on Fire by *Command made* their first setting out a Little *Incomodious* and *Difficult*, but that was *soon* over For when they saw Clear they easily fell into their Ranks and Marched in great Order, The *Right Wing* of the *Horse* and *Dragoones* with two Brigades of *Foot*, the *Canon* and all the Kings *Equipage* by *Mapastown* bridge; The left *Wing* with the reserve

of the *Foot* and all the Baggage of the Army by the Road that led to the *Bridge* of *Tallanſtown*, and that *Afternoon* the *Foot* incamped in two Lines near *Atherdee*, having the River, and a long Moraſs before them. The Horſe and Dragoons for convenience of forrage, and ſhelter, were ſent to three Villages lying on the right of the *Infantry*, and the Brigade of *Foot* that made the *Corp de reſerve* to another Village beyond them. But the next day His Majeſty viſiting that part of the Army, thought the *Corps de reſerve* (as indeed it was) too far advanced, and therefore gave orders that they ſhould return to the Village where the Duke of *Tyrconnel*'s Regiment lay, and ſent the Lord *Dongan*'s *Dragoons*, with three other Battalions of *Foot* from the Camp, to *reinforce that Poſt*. He then ordered a *Breſtwork to be made* at the end of a *narrow Cauſeway* that paſſes thorough the *Bogg*, and a guard of 60 foot to defend it. Collonel *Purcell*'s and Sir *James Cotters Dragoons* were poſted on the *Left* at *Dowdſtown* and *Peppardſtown* to ſecure the two Bridges. The Earl *of Abercorn*'s Regiment of Horſe ſtood *incamped* at a ſmall *Village* between the two *Lines*. But the *Horſes* of that and Collonel *John Parker*'s Regiment being very much harraſſed, *and no danger appearing from the Enemy*, His Majeſty thought fit to ſend them to their *Winter Quarters*.

The King having reaſon to believe that Mareſchal *Schomberge* would not eaſily quit *Dundalk*, called a *Council of War*, and propoſed the fortifying of *Atherdee*, to hinder his advance, and to facilitate the carrying on of the War the earlier in the Spring. Some of the chief Officers were of opinion againſt it; yet the Duke of *Tyrconnell*, who chiefly ſeconded the King's reſolutions of marching from *Tredath* with his Army, in order to engage the Enemy; to which, (under God) we owe all the ſucceſs we have met with, joyning in opinion with His Majeſty, the work was ſet on foot, and that place made ſo ſtrong a Frontier before the King left it, that tho *Schomberge* ſtayed for almoſt ten days after at *Dundalk*, where he loſt by Diſtemper above 10000men, yet made no attempt upon the Party left at *Atherdee* under the *Command* of Major General *Boiſelot*, but was glad to make a ſafe retreat with the reviving part of his Army, leaving many ſick behind, and a number of dead Bodies unburied.

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